

HB 6645
John Barnowski

Madame Chairs and members of the committee,

My name is John Barnowski, of Colchester, CT. I am nearly 64 years old, in good health, and of sound mind. I am writing to voice my support for House Bill 6645, An Act Concerning Compassionate Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill.

I support Bill 6645 although I do not think it offers enough latitude for those at the end of life. I am a long-time proponent of death with dignity, having Read Elizabeth Kubler-Ross' "On Death and Dying" more than forty years ago. I have experienced the deaths of loved ones and fully expect to die myself. I have read numerous accounts of the final days of people who yearned for an easy and dignified exit. When the time comes that I truly feel that I am done with life, I hope that legislation such as this is on the books. I believe there are many people in the world who share this point of view

Of course, I understand the arguments against euthanasia (which I understand this bill is not about) , yet I believe that is what society should ultimately accept as an option for death with dignity. Bill 6645 is a start, but its many qualifications and requirements limit its utility to a very small fraction of possible beneficiaries. Still, it will offer solace and comfort to some.

I urge you to effect passage of this Bill.

Yours truly,
John Barnowski